

EXHIBIT 8

In the Matter Of:

FREEMAN v

DEEBS-ELKENANEY

CAROLE CHASKI, PH.D.

September 28, 2023



1 DR. CHASKI (9/28/2023)

2 the works were created independently; do
3 you understand that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And my understanding is that is
6 an issue that you are offering an opinion
7 on, probative similarities?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. As I just defined it?

10 A. Yes. I am offering statistical
11 expectation with regard to similarities.

12 Q. There's a separate concept in
13 copyright law called "substantial
14 similarity"; are you familiar with that?

15 A. No.

16 Q. One definition of substantial
17 similarity is that it addresses whether an
18 average observer would find that the
19 allegedly infringing work is substantially
20 similar to the plaintiff's work; does that
21 make sense?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. My question is, is substantial
24 similarity an issue that you are offering
25 an opinion on?

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MR. DONIGER: I'm going to object as calling for speculation, lacking foundation, potentially calling for the mental impressions and opinions of counsel. As I noted yesterday, her testimony is what it is. The facts that she found are what they are, how we use those and what we argue out of them is attorney, you know, mental impressions and opinions.

If the witness knows how her testimony will be used based on conversations with counsel about their mental impressions and opinions, I'm going to instruct her not to answer. If she has some other basis to answer, she can go ahead.

A. I don't think my report addresses substantial similarity in terms of the -- of -- as I understand it now, Mr. Halperin, in terms of estimating how an average reader would read these books.

Q. Do you consider yourself to be